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AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

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FOLLOWING REPEAT NASSAU 0853 ACTION STATE APR 19.

QUOTE CONFIDENTIAL NASSAU 0853

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, BF

SUBJ: RESPONSE TO ADDERLEY'S LETTER ON MILITARY FACILITIES

REF: (A) STATE 098221 (B) NASSAU 0469 (C) STATE 091257

1. EMBASSY HAS NO PROBLEM PER SE WITH PROPOSED LETTER TO ADDERLEY CONTAINED IN REF (A) AND TO BE SENT IN NAME OF ASST. SEC. TODMAN. WITH REGARD TO AGENDA ITEM TWO I.E., A "FORMAL COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE" BY GCOB TO WEISS LETTER OF DEC. 1975 WE CAN ONLY NOTE THAT ADDERLEY CLAIMS IN HIS LETTER OF MARCH 6 (REF B) THAT HE "... CANNOT AGREE THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO RESPONSE WITH REGARD TO CONSIDERATION FOR THE AGREEMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF INNUMERABLE MEETINGS BETWEEN SUCCESSIVE AMBASSADORS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT SINCE 1973 AND AS RECENTLY AS 1977 WHEN ASST. SEC. OF STATE TODMAN VISITED NASSAU IN DEC." EMBASSY DOUBTS THAT HE HAS CHANGED HIS MIND OR THAT GCOB TEAM AT SECOND MEETING WILL BE
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PREPARED OR RATHER PERMITTED BY HIM TO DISCUSS ANYTHING MORE THAN GCOB'S WRITTEN PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES TO U.S. DRAFTS OF NOV. 73 AND POSSIBLY A REVIEW OF OPERATING RIGHTS. IT IS OUR PRESENT UNDERSTANDING THAT ADDERLEY VIEWED MARCH SESSION AND NEXT SESSION (WHenever IT MIGHT BE) AS PRELIMINARY AND TECHNICAL IN NATURE AND THAT "ISSUES OF SUBSTANCE" WILL BE RESERVED FOR SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS. BE THAT

AS IT MAY WE SEE NO IRREVERSIBLE HARM IN LEAVING IT INCLUDED.

2. WE SUGGEST THAT WORDS "EARLY JUNE" REPLACE "MID-APRIL" IN DRAFT LETTER AS BEING MOST REALISTIC DATE THAT GCOB CAN BE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO TABLE.

3. FINALLY WE WOULD SUGGEST DELAYING SENDING LETTER UNTIL ANNOUNCEMENT CONTAINED IN REFTEL (C) HAS BEEN MADE. IF IT IS POSITIVE AS WE HAVE REASON TO HOPE THEN WE MAY WELL BE FACED WITH A FAR MORE CONCILIATORY ATTITUDE ON PART OF ADDERLEY THAN HAS BEEN EXPERIENCED THUS US FAR. SCHWARTZ UNQUOTE VANCE

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